

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DENTAL HYGIENISTS COMMITTEE
Monday, February 4, 2019**

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

The February 4, 2019 meeting of the Dental Hygienists Committee (hereinafter, DHC), New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter, BODE), was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Margaret Ray, RDH with the following members present:

Margaret Ray, RDH
Lisa Scott, CDA, RDH
Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Barbara Stowers, RDH
Vacant

John Cafasso, Board Administrator

On a motion by Lisa Scott, RDH and second by Barbara Stowers, RDH the Board voted to approve the January 7, 2019 meeting minutes.

1. Margaret Ray, RDH informed the committee that she attended the HB 250 hearing on Thursday, January 17, 2019 and reported to the DHC that State Representative Jeudy spoke and explained what had happened after he went to Aspen Dental to get his teeth cleaned. Representative Jeudy stated that Aspen Dental would not clean his teeth unless he had extensive work done for a lot of money. Representative Jeudy felt that this practice should not be acceptable. Margaret Ray, RDH felt that the New Hampshire Dental Society made a strong recommendation for Representative Jeudy to contact the NH Board of Dental Examiners with his concerns. Margaret Ray, RDH said no vote was taken on HB 250 on January 17, 2019.
- Margaret Ray, RDH made it known that the Dental Hygiene Committee did not support HB 250.
 - Discussion ensued as Susanne Kuehl RDH, BS, CPHDH, IPDH Governmental Affairs Chair for New Hampshire Dental Hygienist Association (NHDHA) was in attendance at the DHC meeting.
 - Ms. Kuehl spoke and said that she and Immediate Past President of NHDHA Pam Delahanty, RDH, CRDH, CPHDH, BS were stating the NHDHA position that was submitted to the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. Ms. Kuehl said that she was pleased that the BODE will invite Representative Jeudy to submit his complaint for consideration. Ms. Kuehl felt it was best to keep the conversation alive by retaining HB 250 where perhaps a Study Committee can be developed.

- Listening to the audit process, Susanne Kuehl RDH, BS, CPHDH, IPDH commented how often she hears about dental professionals taking courses (usually for free and includes dinner) as members of study clubs.... and that we direct them to 403.07 for the qualified sponsor list. Ms. Kuehl felt it might be helpful to send a reminder to the NHDS, asking them to reach out to their members as it is no fun to be audited only find out your courses “don’t count”.
2. The Committee continued reviewing the 2019 Hygienist CEU Audits.
 - Discussion took place as it was not clear if a Board Dentist needed to sign off on the CEU audits. The Committee agreed to ask the Board for clarification during their meeting.
 3. The DHC worked on the rules for a period of time and will resume their work at their next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Margaret Ray at 2:45 p.m.